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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		1422-0635PUS1
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/501507
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP02/13769	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 December 2002	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 16 January 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION PROCESS FOR PRODUCING WATER-ABSORBING RESIN		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Masayoshi HANDA; Takayasu TANIGUCHI; Yasuhiro NAWATA and Masato FUJIKAKE		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. [x] This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. [ ] This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. [x] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. [ ] The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. [x] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
   a. [x] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
   b. [ ] has been communicated by the International Bureau.
   c. [ ] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. [x] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
   a. [x] is attached hereto.
   b. [ ] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. [x] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
   a. [ ] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
   b. [ ] have been communicated by the International Bureau.
   c. [ ] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
   d. [x] have not been made and will not be made.
8. [ ] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. [x] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. [ ] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. [x] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. [ ] A preliminary amendment.
14. [ ] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. [ ] A substitute specification.
16. [ ] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. [ ] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13*ter*.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. [ ] A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. [ ] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. [x] Other items or information: PCT/IPEA/409

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21. [x] The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) – (5)):

		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
[ ]	Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO $1080.00	
[x]	International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO $920.00	
[ ]	International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO $770.00	
[ ]	International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) $730.00	
[ ]	International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) $100.00	

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				$ 920.00	
Surcharge of **$130.00** for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).				$	
CLAIMS	**NUMBER FILED**	**NUMBER EXTRA**	**RATE**		
Total claims	16-20 =		x	$ 0.00	
Independent claims	2-3 =		x	$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)			+ 290.00	$ 290.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				$ 1,210.00	
[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				$	
SUBTOTAL =				$ 1,210.00	
Processing fee of **$130.00** for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).				$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				$ 1,210.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). **$40.00** per property +				$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				$ 1,250.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	$
				charged:	$

a. [x] A check in the amount of $ 1,250.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. [ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of $ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. [ ] Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. **Credit card information should not be included on this form.** Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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